

In the Claims:

1. (previously presented) A method comprising:

placing a first device in an enclosure;

placing a second device in the enclosure;

sealing the enclosure while the first device and the second device are in the enclosure;

causing the first device to exchange a key with the second device while the first device and the second device are in the enclosure and while the enclosure is sealed;

removing the first device and the second device from the enclosure after the key exchange; and

using the key to allow the first device and the second device to communicate with each other using methods of encryption outside the enclosure.

2. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

using the key to allow the first device and the second device to communicate with each other using methods of authentication outside the enclosure.

3. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein

the first device is electronic; and

the second device is electronic.

4. (original) The method of claim 1 further wherein

the enclosure is a plastic bag coated with a filtering material

wherein the filtering material of the enclosure prevents electromagnetic radiation of a particular bandwidth from escaping from the enclosure.

5. (original) The method of claim 4 further wherein
the filtering material is comprised of metal
6. (original) The method of claim 1 further wherein
the enclosure is a container having sides comprised of a filtering material;
wherein the filtering material of the enclosure prevents electromagnetic radiation of a particular bandwidth from escaping from the enclosure.
7. (original) The method of claim 6 further wherein
the filtering material is comprised of metal
8. (original) The method of claim 6 further wherein
the enclosure is comprised of glass and the filtering material is attached to the glass.
9. (original) The method of claim 6 further wherein
the enclosure is comprised of plastic and the filtering material is attached to the plastic.
10. (original) The method of claim 1 further wherein
the enclosure is comprised of a first and a second compartment;
wherein the first and second compartment are separated by a separation device;
and wherein the method further comprises placing the first device in the first compartment and the second device in the second compartment.

11. (original) The method of claim 10 further wherein

the separation device when closed prevents the first device from communicating with the second device;

and the separation device when opened allows the first device to communicate with the second device.

12. (original) The method of claim 11 wherein

the separation device is comprised of a door which can be opened after the enclosure is sealed.

13. (original) The method of claim 12 wherein

the separation device is comprised of a filtering material.

14. (previously presented) A method comprised of the steps of:

placing a first device into an enclosure;

connecting the first device to a transmitter, wherein the transmitter is connected to a first end of a cord device the first end of the cord device being inside the enclosure;

sealing the enclosure while the first device is in the enclosure and while the first device is connected to the transmitter;

wherein the cord device has a second end which is outside the enclosure; and wherein the method further is comprised of connecting a second device which lies outside the enclosure, to the second end of the cord device;

and after connecting the first device to the first end of the cord device and after connecting the second device to the second end of the cord device, causing the first device to

exchange a key with the second device while the first device is in the sealed enclosure;
removing the first device from the enclosure after the key exchange; and
using the key to allow the first device and the second device to communicate with each other using methods of encryption with the first device outside of the enclosure.

15. (original) The method of claim 14 further wherein
the cord device is comprised of an electrical cord.

16. (original) The method of claim 14 further wherein
the cord device is comprised of an optical cable.

17. (original) The method of claim 14 further wherein
the cord device is comprised of a radio transmitter.

18. (original) The method of claim 14
wherein the transmitter is a Bluetooth transmitter.

19. (previously presented) An apparatus comprising:
means for causing a first device to exchange a key with a second device; and
means for preventing a third device from determining a key which is exchanged between the first device and the second device, and
wherein the means for preventing the third device from determining the key is comprised of an enclosure having a filtering material;
wherein the enclosure is adapted to that it can completely surround both the first device

and the second device in order to prevent the third device from determining the key.

20. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 19 wherein

the enclosure is adapted so that the first and second devices can be simultaneously placed into the enclosure and the enclosure can be sealed.

21. (original) The apparatus of claim 19 wherein

the first and second devices exchange the key in a wireless manner.

22. (previously presented) A portable device comprised of:

a Bluetooth transmitter;

a port for physically and electronically connecting the portable device to a first device;

wherein in a first mode the Bluetooth transmitter of the portable device locates a second device and performs a key exchange with the second device via a wireless channel;

and wherein in a second mode the port of the portable device is physically and electronically connected to the first device so that the portable device can communicate with the first device; and wherein the portable device communicates a key to the first device obtained from the key exchange with the second device.

23. (original) The portable device of claim 22

wherein the portable device is a PCMCIA card which incorporates a Bluetooth transmitter;

and the first device is a PCMCIA port.

24. (original) The portable device of claim 22

wherein the portable device is in the shape of a floppy disc which incorporates a Bluetooth transmitter;
and the first device is a disc drive which can be electrically connected to the portable device.

25. (previously presented) A method comprising:

placing a first device in an enclosure;
placing a second device in the enclosure;
sealing the enclosure while the first device and the second device are in the enclosure;
causing the first device to exchange a key with the second device while the first device and the second device are in the enclosure and while the enclosure is sealed;
removing the first device and the second device from the enclosure after the key exchange; and
using the key to allow the first device and the second device to communicate with each other using methods of authentication outside the enclosure.

26. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein

a timer causes the first device to exchange the key with the second device while the first device and the second device are in the enclosure and while the enclosure is sealed.

27. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein

the first device emits a sound after the first device successfully exchanges the key with the second device.

28. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein

the first device vibrates after the first device successfully exchanges the key with the second device.

29. (new) The apparatus of claim 19 wherein

the means for causing a first device to exchange a key with a second device includes a timer.

30. (new) The apparatus of claim 19 further comprising

a button that is located on the first device; and

wherein the button can be pressed to cause the first device to exchange the key with the second device while the first device and the second device are in the enclosure and while the enclosure is sealed.

31. (new) The apparatus of claim 19 wherein

the first device emits a sound after the first device successfully exchanges the key with the second device.

32. (new) The apparatus of claim 19 wherein

the first device vibrates after the first device successfully exchanges the key with the second device.